

BEFORE THE ARIZONA MEDICAL BOARD

In the Matter of

Case No. MD-09-1170A

STEVEN L. ARMUS, M.D.

ORDER FOR LETTER OF REPRIMAND,
PRACTICE RESTRICTION AND
CONSENT TO THE SAME

Holder of License No. 36276
For the Practice of Allopathic Medicine
In the State of Arizona.

Steven L. Armus, M.D. ("Respondent") elects to permanently waive any right to a hearing and appeal with respect to this Order for Letter of Reprimand and Practice Restriction; admits the jurisdiction of the Arizona Medical Board ("Board"); and consents to the entry of this Order by the Board.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The Board is the duly constituted authority for the regulation and control of the practice of allopathic medicine in the State of Arizona.

2. Respondent is the holder of License No. 36276 for the practice of allopathic medicine in the State of Arizona.

3. The Board initiated case number MD-09-1170A after Respondent self-reported to the Board that he was charged in Wisconsin with possession of cocaine with intent to deliver.

4. On March 29, 2009, Respondent was charged with a felony in the state of Wisconsin for possession with intent to deliver cocaine. The Wisconsin Board opened an investigation regarding Respondent's arrest. As a result of their investigation, Respondent subsequently underwent treatment for chemical dependency. The Wisconsin Board issued a Final Decision and Order that requires Respondent to participate in and maintain compliance with the state's monitoring program. In addition, Respondent surrendered his DEA registration.

5. In October 2009, Respondent met with the Board's Physician Health Program Monitor ("Monitor") who recommended that Respondent continue his participation in the monitoring program in Wisconsin and maintain his recovery while continuing to practice in that state.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Board possesses jurisdiction over the subject matter hereof and over Respondent.

2. The conduct and circumstances described above constitutes unprofessional conduct pursuant to A.R.S. §32-1401(27)(o)("[a]ction that is taken against a doctor of medicine by another licensing or regulatory jurisdiction due to that doctor's mental or physical inability to engage safely in the practice of medicine, the doctor's medical incompetence or for unprofessional conduct as defined by that jurisdiction and that corresponds directly or indirectly to an act of unprofessional conduct prescribed by this paragraph. The action taken may include refusing, denying, revoking or suspending a license by that jurisdiction or a surrendering of a license to that jurisdiction, otherwise limiting, restricting or monitoring a licensee by that jurisdiction or placing a licensee on probation by that jurisdiction").

3. The Board finds that a practice restriction is needed in order to protect the public.

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. Respondent is issued a Letter of Reprimand and Practice Restriction.

2. Respondent's practice is restricted pursuant to the following terms and conditions:

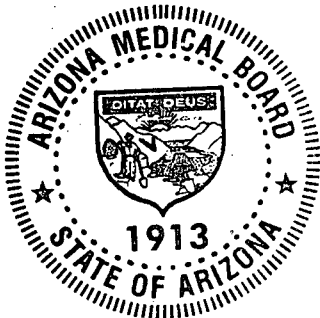
1 a. Respondent shall notify the Board's Executive Director in writing within
2 thirty days prior to commencing practice in the state of Arizona.

3 b. Upon notification of his intent to practice medicine in Arizona, Respondent
4 shall agree to execute any waiver for the Board to obtain any records
5 necessary for the Board to determine that the Respondent is safe to
6 practice medicine. The Board may also require Respondent, at
7 Respondent's expense, to undergo assessment by a board approved
8 rehabilitative, retraining or assessment program.

9 c. After five years, Respondent may petition the Board to request that the
10 Practice Restriction be lifted.

11 DATED AND EFFECTIVE this 9TH day of FEBRUARY, 2018.

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14 (SEAL)



ARIZONA MEDICAL BOARD

By

Lisa S. Wynn
Executive Director

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19 **CONSENT TO ENTRY OF ORDER**

20 1. Respondent has read and understands this Consent Agreement for Letter of
21 Reprimand, Practice Restriction and Consent to Same and the stipulated Findings of
22 Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order ("Order"). Respondent acknowledges she has the
23 right to consult with legal counsel regarding this matter.

24 2. Respondent acknowledges and agrees that this Order is entered into freely
25 and voluntarily and that no promise was made or coercion used to induce such entry.

1 3. By consenting to this Order, Respondent voluntarily relinquishes any rights
2 to a hearing or judicial review in state or federal court to challenge this Order in its entirety
3 as issued, and waives any other cause of action related thereto or arising from said
4 Order.

5 4. The Order is not effective until approved and signed by the Executive
6 Director.

7 5. All admissions made by Respondent are solely for final disposition of this
8 matter and any subsequent related administrative proceedings or civil litigation involving
9 the Board and Respondent. Therefore, said admissions by Respondent are not intended
10 or made for any other use, such as in the context of another state or federal government
11 regulatory agency proceeding, civil or criminal court proceeding, in the State of Arizona or
12 any other state or federal court.

13 6. Upon signing this Order, and returning this document (or a copy thereof) to
14 the Board's Executive Director, Respondent may not revoke the consent to the entry of
15 the Order. Respondent may not make any modifications to the document. Any
16 modifications to this original document are ineffective and void unless mutually approved
17 by the parties.


18 7. This Order is a public record that will be publicly disseminated as a formal
19 action of the Board and will be reported to the National Practitioner's Data Bank and on
20 the Board's web site.

21 8. If any part of the Order is later declared void or otherwise unenforceable,
22 the remainder of the Order in its entirety shall remain in force and effect.

23 9. Any violation of this Order constitutes unprofessional conduct and may
24 result in disciplinary action. A.R.S. § § 32-1401(27)(r) ("[v]iolating a formal order,
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1 probation, consent agreement or stipulation issued or entered into by the board or its
2 executive director under this chapter") and 32-1451.

3 10. **Respondent has read and understands the conditions of the restriction.**

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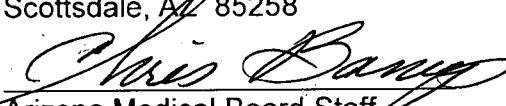
DATED: 12/7/10

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8 EXECUTED COPY of the foregoing mailed
9 this 10th day of February, 2010 to:

10 Carol Romano
11 Attorney for Respondent

12 ORIGINAL of the foregoing filed
13 this 10th day of February 2010 with:

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